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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

17 SHOSH YONAY, an individual,
18 and YUVAL YONAY, an
individual.

Plaintiffs.

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22 PARAMOUNT PICTURES
23 CORPORATION, a Delaware
4 corporation, and DOES 1-10,

25 Defendants.

Case No. 22-CV-03846-PA-GJS

**FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT
FOR:**

- [1] BREACH OF CONTRACT
- [2] DECLARATORY RELIEF
- [3] COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiffs Shosh Yonay and Yuval Yonay (collectively, the “Yonays” or
2 “Plaintiffs”), the heirs of writer Ehud Yonay (the “Author”), for their complaint
3 against defendant Paramount Pictures Corporation (“Paramount”), allege as
4 follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

6 1. Ehud Yonay is the author of the original 1983 story entitled “Top
7 Guns,” (the “Story”) from which the 1986 motion picture “Top Gun” (the “1986
8 Film”) and the recently released 2022 sequel motion picture “Top Gun: Maverick”
9 (the “2022 Sequel”) are derived.

10 2. The iconic 1986 Film all started with Paramount securing exclusive
11 motion picture rights to Ehud Yonay's copyrighted Story immediately after its
12 publication. In fact, the Author's Story was duly credited on the derivative 1986
13 Film, which is widely known to have been based on the Story.

14 3. On January 23, 2018, the Yonays properly availed themselves of their
15 right to recover the copyright to the Story under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §
16 203(a), by sending Paramount a statutory notice of termination (the “Termination
17 Notice”) and thereafter filing it with the Copyright Office, effective January 24,
18 2020.

19 4. On January 24, 2020, the copyright to the Story thus reverted to the
20 Yonays under the Copyright Act, but Paramount deliberately ignored this,
21 thumbing its nose at the statute. This case arises out of Paramount's conscious
22 failure to re-acquire the requisite film and ancillary rights to the Yonays'
23 copyrighted Story prior to the completion and release of their derivative 2022
24 Sequel.

25 5. Paramount engaged in the willful conduct alleged herein,
26 notwithstanding that it is a sophisticated multinational corporation whose core
27 business is based upon the value and enforcement of copyrights and other
28 intellectual property.

PARTIES

6. Plaintiff Shosh Yonay is an individual and citizen of, and resides in, Israel. Shosh Yonay is the widow and heir of the Author.

7. Plaintiff Yuval Yonay is an individual and citizen of, and resides in, Israel. Yuval Yonay is the son and heir of the Author.

8. Upon information and belief, Defendant Paramount is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, which has its principal place of business in the County of Los Angeles, California.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9. This is a civil action for copyright infringement and injunctive relief under the United States Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.* (hereinafter, “the Copyright Act”) for declaratory relief under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2201, and for breach of contract.

10. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the claims set forth in this complaint pursuant to the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1332, and 1338(a), and the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201, and supplemental subject matter jurisdiction over the state-law contract claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1337.

11. Upon information and belief, this Court has personal jurisdiction over Paramount because it has its principal place of business in the State of California and in this District, and because a substantial portion of the relevant acts complained of herein occurred in the State of California and in this District.

12. Upon information and belief, venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because Paramount resides in this District, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), because a substantial part of the events giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

STATUTORY BACKGROUND

13. The U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.* (the

1 “Copyright Act”), provides an author with the inalienable right to recapture the
2 copyright to the author’s creative material, after a lengthy waiting period, by
3 statutorily terminating without cause prior transfer(s) of such copyright.
4 Termination is carried out by simply serving advance notice of termination on the
5 original grantee or its successors and filing the notice with the U.S. Copyright
6 Office, within delineated time windows. 17 U.S.C. § 203(a).

7 14. Section 203(a) provides for the termination of post-1977 transfers of
8 rights under copyright by the author during a five (5) year period commencing
9 thirty-five (35) years after the date the rights were transferred. *Id.* § 203(a)(3). The
10 requisite notice of termination sets forth the “effective date” of termination, within
11 the five-year termination “window,” when the previously transferred rights under
12 copyright will be recaptured by the author. Notice of termination may be served
13 by the author at any time between ten (10), and two (2) years before the effective
14 termination date. *Id.* § 203(a)(4)(A).

15 15. “Works for hire” are the sole exemption from the Copyright Act’s
16 termination provisions. *Id.* § 203(a).

17 16. The termination right is the most important authorial right provided
18 by the Copyright Act, short of copyright itself. Congress was therefore very
19 protective of the termination right and, to that end, enacted a number of provisions
20 to prevent any waiver or encumbrance of the termination interest. For instance,
21 “[t]ermination of the [prior copyright] grant may be effected notwithstanding any
22 agreement to the contrary[.]” *Id.* § 203(a)(5).

23 17. Furthermore, “[h]armless errors in a [termination] notice that do not
24 materially affect the adequacy of the information required to serve the purposes
25 of . . . section [203(a)] of title 17, U.S.C. . . . shall not render the notice invalid.”
26 37 CFR § 201.10(e)(1).

27 18. Congress anticipated that an author’s exercise of his/her termination
28 right would usually result in a new license by the author to the terminated grantee

1 (such as Paramount). To that end, Congress provided “the original grantee” with
2 the exclusive opportunity to re-license an author’s recaptured copyright “after the
3 notice or termination has been served,” but before “the effective date of the
4 termination.” *Id.* § 203(b)(4). The termination provisions thus reflect a deliberate
5 balance of competing interests.

6 19. Under the termination provisions, prior derivative works can
7 continue to be distributed just as before. 17 U.S.C. § 203(b)(1). Thus, the Yonays’
8 recovery of the U.S. copyright to the Story does not prevent Paramount or its
9 licensees from continuing to exploit prior derivative works, including the 1986
10 Film; it just requires a new license for sequel films and other derivative works
11 completed after the January 24, 2020 termination date.

12 20. In addition, because the Copyright Act has no extraterritorial
13 application, foreign rights to the Story remain with Paramount such that,
14 notwithstanding the Yonays’ Termination Notice, Paramount would always
15 continue to benefit from “Top Gun.” After the January 24, 2020 termination date,
16 a new U.S. license from the Yonays to Paramount of the underlying Story would
17 simply enable them to fairly participate with others in the proven market value
18 and financial rewards of the Author’s creation, just as Congress intended. H.R.
19 Rep. No. 94-1476, at 124 (1976).

20 **FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

21 The Chain of Title

22 21. Ehud Yonay’s Story was originally published on April 21, 1983 in
23 the May 1983 issue of *California* magazine and was registered in the U.S.
24 Copyright Office on October 3, 1983 (Reg. No. TX0001213463). *California*
25 magazine featured best-selling novelists and screenwriters such as Tom Wolfe,
26 Joan Didion and Joe Eszterhas. For the fifteen years it was published (1978-1991),
27 *California* was as a purveyor of “New Journalism,” which employs
28 unconventional literary techniques and the subjective literary style of long-form

1 non-fiction.

2 22. The magazine, with modest circulation, was not well known, and the
3 subject of the Story—a naval training base—was certainly dry. But the Author’s
4 copyrighted Story was written in a remarkably vivid and cinematic fashion, with
5 references to Hollywood stars and epic films such as “From Here to Eternity.”
6 Rather than focusing on the historical details of the training school, the Story
7 focuses on the pilots (the “Top Guns”) and their personal experiences, singling
8 out two in particular, a hotshot pilot (“Yogi”) and his radio intercept officer
9 (“Possum”), as they are hammered into a team. It skillfully selects accounts of the
10 pilots’ personal lives and their “hops” (flight maneuvers) to construct a
11 romanticized, first-hand experience of what it is like to be a member of an elite
12 Navy fighter squadron. Indeed, the literary and cinematic way the Story
13 humanized and energized its subject was so compelling that Paramount
14 immediately sought to lock up exclusive film rights from its Author. The resulting
15 films, which faithfully translate the Author’s vision and narrative to the screen,
16 have given audiences worldwide a close-up look at the lives of U.S. Navy fighter
17 pilots, as unconventionally curated by Ehud Yonay’s dramatic Story.

18 23. Within weeks of the Story’s publication, Paramount secured from
19 Ehud Yonay an “Assignment of Rights” dated May 18, 1983, locking up the
20 *exclusive* motion picture, television and merchandising rights under copyright in
21 the Story (the “1983 Agreement”). A copy of the 1983 Agreement is attached as
22 Exhibit 2 to this complaint.

23 24. In the 1983 Agreement Paramount refers to the Story not as a news
24 “article,” but as a “published story written by Ehud Yonay entitled ‘TOP GUNS’.”
25 It also repeatedly refers to and acknowledges the Author’s “copyright” in the Story;
26 and ensures that the Story is “wholly original with the Author.” In the 1983
27 Agreement, Paramount further ensures that the Author will “extend . . . such
28 copyright or copyrights” in his Story and “and will convey, grant and assign to

1 [Paramount] such . . . extension of copyright and the rights herein
2 conveyed, granted and assigned for such . . . extended term”, and appoints
3 Paramount “as the attorney-in-fact of the Author . . . to execute, deliver and record
4 on behalf of the Author and in the name of the Author or otherwise, any and all
5 assignments and other documents necessary or proper to convey, grant and
6 assign to [Paramount] such . . . copyright and the rights herein conveyed,
7 granted and assigned, for the term” thereof.

8 25. Paramount’s 1983 Agreement thus ensured that no competing motion
9 picture studio could produce a motion picture based on the Author’s Story.

10 26. There is also no doubt that the copyrighted Story was the clear
11 genesis of Paramount’s 1986 mega-hit film, “Top Gun.” But for the Author’s
12 literary efforts and his Story’s evocative prose and narrative, Paramount’s beloved
13 1986 Film and its highly successful 2022 Sequel would not exist.

14 27. On January 23, 2018, the Yonays properly availed themselves of their
15 termination rights under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 203(a), by sending
16 Paramount a statutory notice of termination, terminating the Author’s grant in the
17 1983 Agreement of all rights under U.S. copyright in the Story, effective January
18 24, 2020.

19 28. The Termination Notice, recorded with the U.S. Copyright Office on
20 January 29, 2018 (Doc. No. V9949D433), fully complied with Section 203(a) of
21 the Copyright Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Register of
22 Copyrights, 37 C.F.R. § 201.10.

23 29. Therefore, as of January 24, 2020, the Yonays are the sole owners of
24 the U.S. copyright in the Story.

25 The 2022 Sequel is Derived from the Story

26 30. Ehud Yonay’s Story told the story of the Navy Fighter Weapons
27 School training program as personified by the Author through the eyes of two
28 lieutenants in the course, a hotshot pilot (“Yogi”) and his friend and second in the

1 two-man cockpit (“Possum”).

2 31. In the Story, the Author brought to life what could have easily been
3 a barren subject of facts and figures by painting the Naval Air Station as a place
4 of death-defying competition, comradery, romanticism, and 1950s post-war
5 nostalgia. The Author’s incredibly vivid imagery strapped readers in to the cockpit
6 of a fighter jet long before the days of GoPro cameras and smartphones.

7 32. In fact, Ehud Yonay’s colorful telling of the Navy training program
8 was so exhilarating and cinematic that it compelled Paramount to immediately
9 seek him out and secure the exclusive rights under copyright to produce films
10 based on his Story, mere weeks after its publication.

11 33. The resulting 1986 Film, produced by Jerry Bruckheimer and its
12 screenplay written by Jim Cash and Jack Epps, Jr., was clearly derived from the
13 Story. Accordingly, the 1986 Film specifically credits Ehud Yonay for his Story.
14 Indeed, it is widely accepted that “Top Gun” was based on the Story.

15 34. The 2022 Sequel incorporates and adheres so closely to the 1986
16 Film that it is referred to in the entertainment industry as a “legacy sequel.” It
17 naturally follows that the 2022 Sequel, again produced by Bruckheimer and on
18 which Cash and Epps again received writing credit, is derived from the Story on
19 which the 1986 Film is based.

20 35. A review of the 2022 Sequel, like the 1986 Film, reveals key
21 elements that are substantially similar to those in the Story, as set forth in Exhibit
22 1 to this complaint, and incorporated by reference herein.

23 Paramount’s Exploitation of the 2022 Sequel Infringes the Story

24 36. Despite the 2022 Sequel clearly having derived from the Story,
25 Paramount did not bother to secure a new license of film and ancillary rights in
26 the copyrighted Story following the Yonays’ recovery of their U.S. copyright on
27 January 24, 2020.

28 37. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that the

1 2022 Sequel was not completed until May 8, 2021, more than one year *after*
2 Paramount's grant in the 1983 Agreement had been statutorily terminated. The
3 2022 Sequel therefore, unlike the 1986 Film, does not qualify for the "prior
4 derivative works exception" to statutory termination, 17 U.S.C. § 203(b)(1), and
5 thus infringes the copyright owned by the Yonays.

6 38. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that
7 Paramount was and is involved in the financing, production, and distribution of
8 the 2022 Sequel in the United States and is the film's purported copyright holder.

9 39. Without a newly secured license, Paramount's exploitation of the
10 2022 Sequel in the United States constitutes ongoing intentional infringement of
11 the Yonays' copyright, including without limitation, their exclusive right to
12 "prepare derivative works based upon the copyrighted [W]ork," 17 U.S.C. §
13 106(2), which Paramount had owned pursuant to the 1983 Agreement, but lost on
14 January 24, 2020, and willfully proceeded to exploit nonetheless.

15 40. Paramount was placed on clear notice of these issues on January 23,
16 2018 when the Yonays served Paramount with their statutory Notice of
17 Termination, effective January 24, 2020. On May 11, 2022, the Yonays sent
18 Paramount a cease-and-desist letter regarding the 2022 Sequel. On May 13, 2022,
19 Paramount responded in total denial of the fact that its 2022 Sequel was obviously
20 derivative of the Story. Paramount additionally argued that the 2022 Sequel was
21 "sufficiently completed" by January 24, 2020 (the effective termination date) in a
22 disingenuous attempt to bootstrap the 2022 Sequel into the "prior derivative works"
23 exception to termination, 17 U.S.C. § 203(b)(1).

24 41. Plaintiffs are informed and believe by Paramount's conduct, and
25 based thereon allege that Paramount will continue to prepare, produce, copy,
26 distribute, exploit, and/or authorize others to prepare, produce, copy, distribute, or
27 exploit the infringing 2022 Sequel and other derivative works which copy and
28 exploit the Story in violation of the Copyright Act.

1 42. As a direct and proximate result of Paramount's actions, the Yonays
2 will suffer imminent and irreparable harm, much of which cannot be reasonably
3 or adequately measured or compensated in damages.

COUNT I: BREACH OF CONTRACT

5 43. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1
6 through 42 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

7 44. The 1983 Agreement was a valid contract entered into by the Author
8 and Paramount.

9 45. The Yonays are the heirs of the Author and, as such, are the
10 successors-in-interest to the Author's rights and entitlements under the 1983
11 Agreement.

12 46. The Author fulfilled any and all of his obligations and has performed
13 and/or complied with any and all terms and conditions of the 1983 Agreement that
14 the Author was required to perform and/or comply with, and is in no matter or
15 respect in breach of the 1983 Agreement.

16 47. The Yonays, as the Author's successors, are likewise in no matter or
17 respect in breach of the 1983 Agreement.

18 48. In the 1983 Agreement, Paramount expressly agreed "to announce
19 on the film of any motion picture photoplay that may be produced by it
20 hereunder and substantially based upon or adapted from said work or any
21 version or adaptation thereof, substantially incorporating the plot, theme,
22 characterizations, motive and treatment of said work or any version or
23 adaptation thereof, that said motion picture photoplay is based upon or
24 adapted from or suggested by a work written by the Author, or words to
25 that effect[.]"

26 49. The 1986 Film was unquestionably based upon or adapted from the
27 Story and substantially incorporated the plot, theme, characterizations, motive and
28 treatment of the Story. As such, the 1983 Agreement obligated Paramount "to

1 announce on the [1986 Film] . . . that said motion picture photoplay is based upon
2 or adapted or suggested by a [Story] written by the Author”, i.e., to give the Author
3 credit on the 1986 Film. Accordingly, Paramount provided the Author and his
4 Story with credit on the 1986 Film just as it was required to do.

5 50. The 2022 Sequel was also substantially based upon or adapted from
6 the Story and incorporated the plot, theme, characterizations, motive and
7 treatment of the Story. As such, the 1983 Agreement obligated Paramount “to
8 announce on the [2022 Sequel] . . . that said motion picture photoplay is based
9 upon or adapted or suggested by a [Story] written by the Author.”

10 51. In addition, the 1986 Film easily qualifies as an “adaptation” of the
11 Story which Paramount obviously purchased in the 1983 Agreement to develop
12 and produce a film based thereon. Accordingly, Paramount was obligated under
13 the terms of the 1983 Agreement to provide credit to the Author and his Story on
14 the 2022 Sequel because, at a minimum, the 2022 Sequel was “substantially
15 based upon or adapted from . . . [an] adaptation” of the Story, i.e., the 1986
16 Film, and “substantially incorporate[ed] the plot, theme, characterizations,
17 motive and treatment of said . . . adaptation thereof,” the 1986 Film. The
18 2022 Sequel not only included these elements from the 1986 Film, it even
19 included clips from the 1986 Film.

20 52. Paramount willfully failed to provide the Author with credit on the
21 2022 Sequel, as required by the 1983 Agreement, breaching the 1983 Agreement.

22 53. Further, Paramount’s attempts to craft around giving the Author
23 credit by claiming, in bad faith, that the 2022 Sequel was not based on the Story
24 nor any adaption based on the Story (i.e., the 1986 Film), breached the implied
25 covenant of good faith and fair dealing in the 1983 Agreement.

26 54. In so doing, Paramount did not act fairly and in good faith.

27 55. As a direct and proximate result of Paramount’s breach of the 1983
28 Agreement, the Yonays have suffered damages, including but not limited to the

1 diminution of the Author's stature as a writer and the consequent diminution of
2 the value of the Author's Story and all of the Author's other works, in an amount
3 to be adjudicated and determined at trial, plus pre-judgment interest.

4 56. The Yonays have no adequate remedy at law for many of their
5 injuries suffered due to Paramount's breach and failure to provide the Author with
6 credit on the 2022 Sequel, and such injuries cannot be reasonably, adequately, or
7 precisely measured or compensated in damages.

8 57. The Yonays are therefore entitled to a permanent injunction ordering
9 Paramount, its agents, employees, licensees and assigns, to provide the Author
10 and his Story with credit on the 2022 Sequel in compliance with the terms of the
11 1983 Agreement.

COUNT II: DECLARATORY RELIEF

13 58. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1
14 through 57 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

15 59. By reason of the foregoing facts, an actual and justiciable
16 controversy has arisen and now exists between the Yonays and Paramount
17 regarding whether Paramount continued after January 24, 2020 to have the rights
18 to produce and exploit the 2022 Sequel and other derivative works based in whole
19 or in part on the Story and the 1986 Film, derived from the Story.

20 60. As of January 24, 2020, the Yonays own all rights in and to an
21 enforceable copyright to the Author's original Story.

22 61. The Yonays contend and Paramount denies that the 2022 Sequel does
23 not qualify for the “prior derivative works exception” under 17 U.S.C. §203(b)(1)
24 because it was not completed until long after January 24, 2020.

25 62. The Yonays contend and Paramount denies that the 2022 Sequel, like
26 the 1986 Film, is derived from the Author's Story.

27 63. The Yonays contend and Paramount denies that, but for the Story, the
28 1986 Film and 2022 Sequel would not exist.

1 64. The Yonays therefore desire a judicial determination that the 2022
2 Sequel is derivative of Ehud Yonay's Story.

3 65. The Yonays further desire a judicial determination that Paramount
4 does not have any rights to make, exploit, or distribute the 2022 Sequel or any
5 other derivative work based in whole or in part on the Story, and/or the 1986 Film
6 (as derived from the Story), in the United States.

7 66. A declaration of the Court is necessary and appropriate pursuant to
8 the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 *et seq.*, so that the Yonays may
9 ascertain their rights with respect to the 2022 Sequel and any future derivative
10 works based in whole or in part on the Story, and/or the 1986 Film.

11 **COUNT III: COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

12 67. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference paragraphs 1
13 through 66 inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

14 68. The Story is a wholly original Story and copyrightable subject matter
15 under the laws of the United States.

16 69. The Story was originally published on April 21, 1983 and was
17 registered in the U.S. Copyright Office on October 3, 1983 under registration
18 number TX0001213463.

19 70. By its exploitation and release of the 2022 Sequel, a motion picture
20 plainly derived from the Story, Paramount knowingly and willfully infringed, and
21 will continue to infringe, the Yonays' copyright and rights under copyright in the
22 Story.

23 71. Each infringement by Paramount and/or other parties of the Story
24 constitutes a separate and distinct act of infringement.

25 72. The Yonays sent an email and certified letter to Paramount on May
26 11, 2022 placing Paramount on notice of its infringement, yet Paramount
27 continues to infringe the Yonays' rights under copyright in willful disregard of and
28 indifference to the Yonays' rights.

1 73. As a direct and proximate result of Paramount's copyright
2 infringement, the Yonays have suffered and will continue to suffer severe injuries
3 and harm, much of which cannot be reasonably or adequately measured or
4 compensated in money damages if such wrongful conduct is allowed to continue
5 unabated. The ongoing harm this wrongful conduct will continue to cause the
6 Yonays is both imminent and irreparable. The Yonays' injuries and damages
7 include, without limitation, repeated infringement of their copyright and interests,
8 diminution of the value of their copyright and interests, loss of customers, dilution
9 of goodwill, and injury to their business reputation.

10 74. The Yonays are further entitled to recover from Paramount the
11 damages, including pre-judgment interest, they sustained and will sustain, and any
12 income, gains, profits, and advantages obtained by Paramount as a result of its
13 wrongful acts alleged hereinabove, in an amount which cannot yet be fully
14 ascertained, but which shall be assessed at the time of trial.

15 75. Alternatively, the Yonays are entitled to the maximum statutory
16 damages recoverable, or for such other amounts as may be proper, pursuant to 17
17 U.S.C. § 504.

18 76. The Yonays are further entitled to their attorneys' fees and full costs
19 pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

20 77. By reason of Paramount's ongoing copyright infringement, the
21 Yonays have sustained and, unless and until Paramount is enjoined, will continue
22 to sustain substantial imminent and irreparable injury, loss and damage, including
23 repeated infringement of their copyright and interests, diminution of the value of
24 their copyright and interests, loss of customers, dilution of goodwill, and injury to
25 their business reputation.

26 78. The Yonays have no adequate remedy at law for many of their
27 injuries in that such injuries cannot be reasonably, adequately, or precisely
28 measured or compensated in damages if such wrongful conduct is not restrained

1 and is allowed to continue unabated.

2 79. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 502, the Yonays are entitled to a preliminary
3 injunction during the pendency of this action and a permanent injunction ordering
4 that Paramount, its agents, employees, licensees and assigns be enjoined from
5 producing, reproducing, distributing and exploiting or authorizing the production,
6 reproduction, distribution or exploitation of the 2022 Sequel and ancillary
7 products based thereon, derived from the Story, and from engaging in any further
8 violations of the Copyright Act.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

10 WHEREFORE, the Yonays pray for judgment against Paramount as
11 follows:

ON THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

13 1. For compensatory and consequential damages, according to proof in
14 an amount determined at trial, together with interest thereon as provided by law,
15 plus pre-judgment interest; and

16 2. For a permanent injunction ordering Paramount, its agents,
17 employees, licensees and assigns, to specifically perform pursuant to the terms of
18 the 1983 Agreement by providing the Author and his Story with credit on the 2022
19 Sequel.

ON THE SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

21 3. For a declaration that the 2022 Sequel is derivative of Ehud Yonay's
22 Story;

23 4. For a declaration that, as of January 24, 2020, Paramount does not
24 have and did not have any rights to make, develop, produce, or distribute the 2022
25 Sequel or any other derivative work based in whole or in part on the Story and/or
26 the 1986 Film (as derived from the Story); and

27 5. For an order preliminarily during the pendency of this action and
28 thereafter, permanently, enjoining Paramount, its officers, agents, employees,

1 licensees and assigns, and all persons acting in concert with it, from developing,
2 producing, or distributing the 2022 Sequel and any other derivative work based in
3 whole or in part on the Story and/or the 1986 Film.

4 ON THE THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

5 6. For an order preliminarily during the pendency of this action and
6 thereafter, permanently, (i) enjoining Paramount, its officers, agents, employees,
7 licensees and assigns, and all persons acting in concert with it, from infringing the
8 copyright in the Story, in any manner, and (ii) enjoining Paramount, its officers,
9 agents, employees, licensees and assigns, and all persons acting in concert with it,
10 from engaging in or authorizing the production, reproduction, distribution, display
11 and/or exploitation of the infringing 2022 Sequel and ancillary products based
12 thereon, derived from the Story, without a new license from the Yonays;

13 7. For compensatory and consequential damages, according to proof in
14 an amount determined at trial, together with interest thereon as provided by law;

15 8. For an accounting and restitution to the Yonays of all gains, profits
16 and advantages Paramount has derived from its production, distribution, display
17 and exploitation of the infringing 2022 Sequel, ancillary exploitations based
18 thereon, and from its copyright infringement of the Story;

19 9. In the alternative to actual damages, for statutory damages pursuant
20 to 17 U.S.C. §504(c), which election the Yonays shall make prior to the rendering
21 of final judgment herein; and

22 10. For such other and further relief and remedies available under the
23 Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*, which the Court may deem just and
24 proper.

25 ON ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

26 11. For the Yonays' costs of suit;

27 12. For interest at the highest lawful rate on all sums awarded the Yonays
28 other than punitive damages;

13. For reasonable attorneys' fees; and
14. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury for all issues triable to a jury.

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